

## NEW ZEALAND LAWS BRING MILLENNIUM IN ANTIPODAL ISLE

Radical Reforms Put in Practice Please People of State.

Countless Activities Directed by Government With "Nary a Kick."

Few Millionaires and Paupers Excite Envy of Citizens.

The millennium is flourishing like a green bay tree in New Zealand, according to George Murch, a native of that antipodal isle and at present sojourning in Washington. There, it appears, all the radical reforms that can be suggested for the adjustment of society have budded into laws and flowered into practice. The government down there has usurped all the prerogatives and functions which J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, and E. H. Harriman exercise here, and Mr. Murch declares it is working successfully. The reformers on this end of the Western Hemisphere have nothing new or novel to propose for the government to do that the government isn't already doing in New Zealand.

Here is the list of functions that the authorities there have thrust upon them by law:

- First—Government ownership of all railways.
- Second—Municipal ownership of all lighting and water plants, and urban railways.
- Third—Arbitration of all labor disputes.
- Fourth—Parcels post.
- Fifth—Postal savings bank.
- Sixth—Bank of New Zealand.
- Seventh—Government insurance.
- Eighth—Pensions for aged citizens.
- Ninth—Control of all telephone lines.
- Tenth—Limitations of land holdings to 640 acres.

Mr. Murch declares that the government operates and directs all these activities to the satisfaction of the entire

## Native of New Zealand Praises Novel Government



GEORGE MURCH.

Visits Washington in Interests of Meyer Projectile for Life-Saving Purposes.

population and there is "nary a kick" coming from anybody except those who would like to break in and disturb the tranquillity of the island by having all these functions restored to private hands for the spoilation of the public.

"New Zealand is indebted for all these innovations in government to the late premier of the colony, Richard John Seddon," said Mr. Murch. "He was premier of New Zealand for sixteen years and his death last November was regretted by every citizen. 'I forgot to tell you that every animal killed for food,' said Mr. Murch, 'must be slaughtered in the government abattoirs and be marked with the official stamp before it can be offered for sale. Our railroad fares are fixed at 1 cent per mile and all perishable prod-

ucts of the farm are transported by rail to the nearest seaport market free of all cost. While our railways are all short lines, the government is now engaged in constructing a road from one end of the island to the other that will be 1,500 miles in length when completed.

**Minimum Wage Fixed.**  
"The minimum wage in New Zealand for an adult man is fixed by law at \$2 per day. We have never had a strike, as the arbitration system in vogue is invariably just in its findings, and its judgments are always accepted by the contending factions. The government provides an accident insurance in which employers are required to take out policies for every one of their employees, or render themselves liable in the event

## LECTURES ON ART BEGIN ON MONDAY

The Rev. A. J. Van Ingelgem Will Be Heard at Georgetown.

The Rev. A. J. Van Ingelgem has been invited by the Georgetown Visitation Academy to give the art lectures. Father Van Ingelgem in his early life was a well-known art critic in Brussels, and has served on a number of municipal art commissions. He is now staying at the Apostolic Missions House and is associated with the Virginia Apostolate.

His lectures will cover the Trecento period, and the causes of Renaissance painting; the Quattrocento, especially the schools of Florence, Umbria and Venice and the Madonnas of Giovanni Bellini; the Cinquecento period, treating the Roman school represented by Raphael and Giulio Romano; Michelangelo; Leonardo da Vinci and Bernardino Luini; the Venetian school by Titian and Giorgione; Parma school by Correggio.

The initial lecture will be given Monday afternoon.

of any injury that might befall their help in an amount equal to what the government policy would have paid in such a case. Native born citizens and those who have been residents of the island for twenty-five years, provided they have not been convicted of any crime, are paid a pension of \$50 a year upon attaining the age of sixty-five.

"This may appear a small sum to live upon," explained Mr. Murch, "but one can prosper very comfortably upon that amount in New Zealand. Meats and vegetables are cheap, and so is clothing. At the best hotel in New Zealand, patronized by royalty, a six or seven course meal costs only 65 cents. The insurance feature is put down at small cost, and is conducted on the mutual plan. The expenses are cut down to the very bone in maintaining the insurance department.

**Postal Banking Service.**  
"The postal banking service is open to the depositor of 25 cents, and after the savings book is issued anything from a cent up to \$2,500 is accepted; after the latter amount is reached no more will be taken from any one depositor, but it can be withdrawn and redeposited with the Bank of New Zealand. The government pays from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent on all deposits, and lends money to settlers on their improvements at 4 1/2 per cent interest. The land holdings are limited to square mile tracts, and the taxes are so adjusted that the land barons, who acquired hundreds of thou-

## Pastor on Unwritten Law; Says It May Excuse Thaw

Columbus Preacher Will Declare From Pulpit That Murder of White Was Justified Under Certain Circumstances.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 26.—A Columbus preacher will declare from his pulpit Sunday that, under certain conditions Harry K. Thaw was justified in taking the life of Stanford White.

The Rev. Mr. Fuller is pastor of the N-ll Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. Sunday morning he will preach a sermon on "Self-preservation." The sermon will treat almost altogether of the Thaw case and the minister will discuss the law—perhaps the unwritten law—by which Thaw, now on trial for his life, may be acquitted and his action justified.

The Rev. Mr. Fuller will say that "since self-preservation is the first law of nature among the higher as well as the lower forms of life, it has bearings upon the family as well as upon the individual."

"The man," Mr. Fuller will continue,

sands of acres of land prior to the enactment of the present laws, are rushing surveys to the front in the world of subdividing their holdings and placing them on the market. The colony lands are sold by the government to actual settlers on the perpetual lease plan of 99 years, at a rental of 4 1/2 per cent a year on their valuation, or can be purchased in freehold on almost any reasonable terms. Lands are cheap, and farming and sheep raising as well as lumbering are profitable occupations in the colony.

"There the laboring man is well protected. The eight-hour law is enforced, as also the weekly half holiday. There is no labor, except of necessity, permitted on a Sunday.

**Few Millionaires.**  
"We are not harrowed by paupers and there are few millionaires to excite our envy. The people are prosperous as the last census shows the per capita wealth of the colony to be \$2,220."

Mr. Murch declares he is not a socialist. He is here in Washington furthering the interests of the Meyer projectile for life-saving purposes, which was given a trial at the Congress Heights Rifle range last Tuesday, but he is an enthusiast upon the advance that has been made in the colony of New Zealand in providing for the well-being of its people.

"Those who regard all these reforms in government and society as an experiment," he says, "should go to New Zealand and see them in full working order. Our climate is congenial, and if I was offered the choice of going anywhere on earth and landing there a stranger with only 50 cents in my pocket, I would, by all odds, go to New Zealand. We have no poorhouses or paupers, and those who went there penniless ten or twelve years ago have amassed property and are well to do. But there is no more room in the colony for the drone than anywhere else."

## SHEPARD'S PICTURES AT CONVENTION HALL

Owing to the destruction of the Academy, Shepard's pictures will be seen tonight at Convention Hall. There will be an excellent orchestra. Tom Moore will, as usual, introduce a number of new illustrated songs. The program of pictures is an excellent one, and is said to be better than any that Mr. Shepard has produced for some time, being especially rich in touching dramatic and lively comedy subjects. Prices have been reduced to 15 and 25 cents.

## THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Luther Burbank looked worried. "What's the trouble, he asked?" The wizard knitted his brow. "I've been trying to produce a graftless politician, but it's no use." Saying which, he grafted a watermelon onto a pumpkin.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## BARS PHONE GIRLS TO KEEP SECRECY

Circuit Attorney at Missouri Won't Have Them Around.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 26.—Circuit Attorney Sager is not going to trust secrets that pass through his office and the grand jury room to a girl telephone operator.

"No, sir," he said, "I couldn't; why, there wouldn't be any secrets around here at all if a woman's 'next' to all the things I necessarily have to transact over the telephone."

A private system is to be installed in the four courts in the spring, with new switches, and Sager says that there'll have to be a man to operate from the central point or it won't be operated.

"Why, just suppose," continued the circuit attorney, "that Hiram Johnston should be indicted for something. Well, I might want to know something from one of my assistants, or the sheriff or somebody in the building about the whereabouts of Hiram, and if there's a girl out there on the telephone why she'll be certain to hear it."

"Then the very first thing when she sees her chum or steady, it'll be, 'Have you heard about the indictment of Mr. Hiram Johnston—Isn't it awful—poor man—and his poor wife.'"

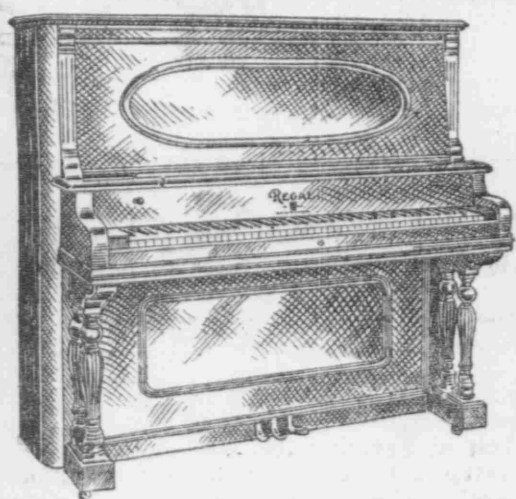
"Then Hiram will know, and skip. No sir, I consider that a girl telephone operator around here would defeat the ends of justice."

## NEW POTATO FROM URUGUAY.

The British vice consul at Rouen reports that the cultivation in France of the new potato brought from Uruguay has been observed for some time with great interest. The variety is called "Solano commercial violet," is said to possess excellence of taste as well as nutritive value, and is equal to the best table potato known in France. This variety is distinguished by its resistance to frost, as also to disease, and its one great advantage is that it prospers most in a damp and swampy soil, where no other kind of potato would grow. Every kind of soil, whether clayey, calcareous or siliceous, seems equally adapted for its culture, provided it is damp.

## INDIAN BLOOD IN THE SENATE?

Congressman Charles Curtis, who has just been nominated by the Republicans for United States Senator from Kansas, is a half-blood Kaw Indian. He will be the first member of the upper house who can say that he is at least half true American. His mother was a full-blood Kaw Indian. He is forty-seven years of age, and as a boy made his living selling fancy work at the old Kansas Interstate Fair.



## Famous Comstock Pianos, worth \$300, for \$198!

Pay us \$1 weekly and we will place in your home a high-grade \$300 Piano—the renowned "Comstock"—and the price will be \$198. You pay no "fancy" price here, as you would in an exclusive piano store. Included, without charge, are a fine revolving stool, silk lambréquin, rubber cover, and tuning for one year. \$1 weekly and the piano is yours.



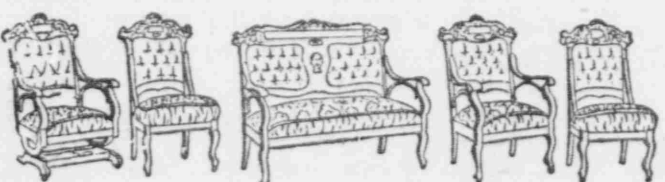
THIS GOLDEN OAK DINING Chair, exactly like illustration; best cane seat; value \$1.50; special clearance price 98c



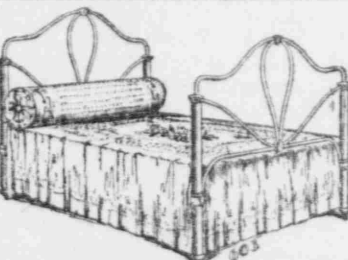
SIX-FOOT EXTENSION TABLE, will seat 6 people when open; 42x24 when closed; sold regularly at \$3.98. Clean Sweep Price \$3.98



## Monday's Money-saving in Furniture.



NEW PATTERN FIVE-PIECE MAHOGANY FINISHED Parlor Suite; choice of either silk or Verona upholstery; this suite has never sold under \$35; for the clearance reduced to \$25.89



ALI-METAL CONTINUOUS POST bed, all sizes, very strong; value \$2.98. Clear-ance Price \$1.89



OAK ROMAN SEAT UPHOLSTERED with good quality velvet; very strongly and well made; sold regularly at \$1; now special for tomorrow at 69c

## Clearance Specials for Monday

Children's Well-made Flannelette Night Drawers, with and without feet; heavy material; for clearance reduced to 39c

Good Quality Flannelette Gowns that have always sold at \$1; heavy quality; now reduced to 69c

Children's Well-made Outing Flannel Dresses; good and serviceable quality; in sizes from 1 to 3 years; to be sold tomorrow in the clearance at 15c

Small lot of latest shape \$1 Corsets; some of the best makes; only a few of each size; to be quickly closed out tomorrow while they last at the small price of 59c

## Sale Special in Furnishings

CHILDREN'S FAMOUS "BUSTER Brown" black ribbed cotton Stockings; in sizes 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2; 2c is the standard price—very strong; without bibs; regular price is 7c. Clearance price—10c

MEN'S HEAVY BLUE DENIM Overalls; without bibs; regular price is 75c. Clearance price—49c

MEN'S FANCY SATIN SUSPENDERS; silk embroidered; one pair in a box; sold at 25c. Clearance price—19c

MEN'S FANCY OUTING flannel night robes that sell up to \$1.25. Clearance price—49c

MISSIE'S JERSEY RIBBED, fleece-lined gray undervests; sold regularly at 25c. Clearance price—12 1/2c

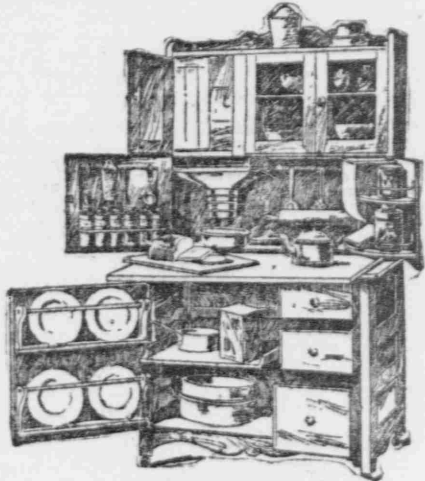
MEN'S FLEECE-LINED SHIRTS and drawers; shirts single and double breasted; values 50c to 75c. Sale price—39c



\$2.55 QUARTERED Oak Table; turned legs; molded rim; special at \$1.69



NICKEL-PLATED "Perfection" Oil Heater; everywhere \$5; reduced to \$3.98



## A Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet on 30 Days' Free Trial

It is beyond a doubt the most convenient piece of furniture you could buy. Saves thousands of steps for the busy housewife—every kitchen necessity in one place, and a place for everything. The "Hoosier" leads all kitchen cabinets in superiority of construction and general excellence. 7c a day will buy one. Exclusively here.

## Bedwear and Draperies

Good quality Tan Blankets, with colored borders; selling at 80c pair. Not over two to a buyer. 39c

Extra heavy 10-4 White, Tan, and Gray Blankets; worth 98c pair. Sale price only 69c

Heavy 11-4 Silver Gray Blankets, with colored borders; worth \$2 pair. Sale price \$1.39

Heavy White Bedspreads; full double-size; sold everywhere at \$1.25. Sale price 89c

Extra heavy Marseilles Bedspreads; beautiful designs; sell at \$2.50. Sale price \$1.49

Handsome Mantel and Piano Lambrequins of art draperies; also tinted cushion slips; worth 35c; for clearance 19c

Pretty White Applique Mats, in a large variety of designs; worth 15c; now 5 1/2c

Oriental Striped Couch Covers; extra nice quality; always sold at 98c; clearance price 59c

## Laces and Embroideries

Lot of Handsome Plait Val. Lace Edges and Insertions, from 1 1/2 to 4 inches wide; in a number of new and effective patterns; regularly 10c and 12 1/2c yard. Clearance price 5c

Lot of Fine Swiss and Cambric Embroideries and Insertions that retail regularly up to 25c a yard. Clearance price 7 1/2c

Lot of Very Desirable Torchon Lace Edges and Insertions; not a yard sells under 5c. Price, yard 2 1/2c

Lot of Very Desirable Embroidery Edges in neat and pretty designs; slightly mused from handling; none of it has sold under 5c yard. For the Clearance Sale 2 1/2c

## Gloves Almost Half Price

WOMEN'S PURE-SILK 10-BUTTON Gloves; black and white; regularly 50c. Sale price 39c

WOMEN'S 12-BUTTON SUEDE Lisle Gloves; in grays and light blues; selling always at 75c. Sale price 39c

MISSIE'S 2-CLASP KID GLOVES; sizes 4 1/2, 4 3/4, and 5; the standard \$1 quality 25c

MEN'S WHITE SUEDE YARN Golf Gloves that sell at 50c. Sale price 39c

## Fine Furs Going for Almost Nothing

- 25 Isabella and Sable-dyed Neckpieces; sold \$5.98. .... \$1.98
- Rich Alaska Seal Pelerine; edged with mink; mink tail; lined with brocade satin. .... \$9.98
- Fine Alaska Seal Pelerine; 10 marten tails; seal claws; worth \$39.98. .... \$14.98
- Alaska Seal Cape; extra long stole; genuine mink collar; 6 t's; satin l'd; w'th \$50. .... \$24.98
- One Fine Gray Wolf Boa, lined with squirrel; 72 inches; 6 tails; \$35 value. .... \$12.98
- Two sets Russian (Kolinsky) Mink; 72-inch stole; large muff; mink tails; \$60 val. .... \$24.98
- One Genuine Marten Neckscarf; 10 bushy tails; \$35 value. .... \$12.98
- Two Isabella Fox Boas; 72 inches; large bush tails and claws; \$19.98 value. .... \$7.98
- One rich Sable Fox Pelerine that sold at \$29.98; now ..... \$12.98
- One Fine Persian Paw Pillow Muff; sold at \$12.98; now ..... \$4.98
- Extra Large Erminette Pillow Muff; silk cord; worth \$20 ..... \$7.98
- Set White Angora; 45-inch throw, pillow muff; worth \$20 ..... \$12.98

## Save on Groceries.

- Choice Boneless Bacon ..... 14 1/2c
- Pillsbury's Best Flour; 24 pounds. .... 69c
- Chocolate; 4-pound packages ..... 12 1/2c
- 25c Onyx Coffee ..... 19c
- Rockwood Molasses ..... 8 1/2c
- Blue Label Ketchup ..... 9 1/2c
- Fruit and Pound Cake; 2 pounds each; per pound ..... 15c
- Best Shaker Salt; 10c usually ..... 7 1/2c
- Nabisco's ..... 7 1/2c
- Mother's Oats; 2-pound package ..... 7 1/2c

## Shirts, 39c

Lot of Men's \$1 to \$1.50 Shirts; stiff bosom and negligee; slightly mused from display; all good and desirable qualities. Take them tomorrow in the Clearance Sale at 39c.

## Hose, 11c

100 dozen Women's Black Lace Lisle Hose that everywhere sell at 25c pair; slightly imperfect. One of the Clearance Sale's best bargains at 11c.